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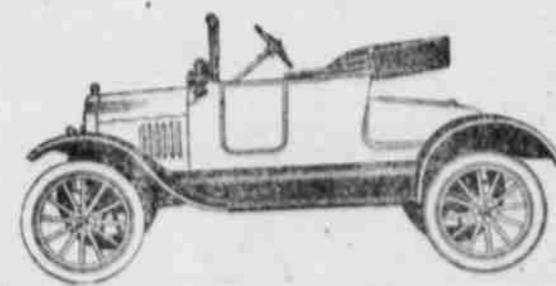
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Y. W. C. A. Provides Home For Actresses at Camp Dix, N. J.



Actresses who play in the Liberty Theater at Camp Dix, N. J., find a touch of home in the Players' House which the housing committee of the Young Women's Christian Association, of which Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is chairman, operates for them. Because of the distance from any town where they might stay, it was necessary to provide some sort of living accommodations for the actresses. The Y. W. C. A. built the house, supplying it with all conveniences such as sewing machines, wash tubs and ironing boards. Camp Upton, L. I., has a similar house.

Y. W. C. A. UNIFORMS TO CLOTHE STUDENTS

Suits Worn by War Workers Will Be Given to Penniless Students in Switzerland.

Official uniforms of the Young Women's Christian Association minus the blue triangle, the Association insignia, will be worn next winter by women students who have been stranded in Switzerland during the war and who, because of lack of funds, inability to re-enter their native country, a desire to finish their university courses or because they have no family to which to return, will remain there next year.

Elizabeth M. Clark, who has been in Switzerland for ten years under the World Student Christian Federation, has appealed to the National Student Committee of the Y. W. C. A. for clothing for the 350 foreign women students in Switzerland. The scarcity of clothing last year among these almost refugee students made it necessary for two girls to share one coat so that only one could go to classes or go out of doors at a time.

Four large packing cases of all kinds of used clothing, save hats, which is in good condition, have been collected hitherto from women college students in the New England States, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware by the Student Committee of the National Y. W. C. A. to be sent over in response to Miss Clark's appeal. This clothing will be dyed, cleaned and made over in Switzerland.

In addition to the clothing collected from students in colleges nearest New York a case of uniforms, which have been turned in by Y. W. C. A. secretaries who did war work, and the official gray uniform blouses is being sent. As uniforms are being turned in by war workers they will be claimed by the Student Committee, which will remove the insignia and prepare the uniforms so that they may be worn by these women who have been forced by world events to remain in Switzerland for several years.

QUEEN MARIE INVITES Y. W. C. A. TO RUMANIA

Extended invitation to Overseas Workers in Paris.

Paris, April 21.—Queen Marie of Rumania, following a conference with a representative committee of the American Y. W. C. A., held at the Ritz Hotel, Paris, has invited the American Young Women's Christian Association to come to Rumania and open work under her patronage.

Among the representatives of the Y. W. C. A. present at the conference were: Miss Harriett Taylor, head of the American Y. W. C. A. work overseas; Miss Mary Anderson of Hudson, Wis.; Miss Mary Dingman, head of the Y. W. C. A. industrial work in France; Mrs. Margaret B. Fowler of Pasadena, Cal., and Miss Charlotte Niven, head of the Y. W. C. A. work in Italy. A notable guest at the meeting was Madame Catarji, wife of the secretary of the Rumanian legation in Paris.

Y. W. C. A. WORKER IS DECORATED.

- ★ Miss Marion Porter of New York City was decorated the other day in the name of the Chaplain General of the American army with the Church War Cross.
- ★ Her citation was for her moral and spiritual contribution to the war.
- ★ For more than a year Miss Porter has been at a hospital center in Vittel, France, as a representative of the Y. W. C. A. in charge of a nurses' club there.

PROHIBITION TO BRING COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE

Hazel MacKaye Advises Using Buildings as Centers for Drama, Community Sings and Entertainments.

Why not turn the corner saloon into a community playhouse when the law affects the closing of these gathering places, asks Miss Hazel MacKaye, director of the Department of Pageantry and Drama of the National Young Women's Christian Association?

"I went over on the West Side of New York one night recently to attend a community drama meeting," Miss MacKaye says in explaining her theory, "and as I was riding along I noticed how many saloons there were—one on every corner and another in the middle of the block, it seemed, all just blazing with lights. Those lights ought not to go out with prohibition. They ought to shine for something worth while to all of the people, and what better than community drama and singing?"

Miss MacKaye feels that the war has given a great impetus to popular interest in drama and that through pageantry and drama a great deal in the way of Americanization can be effected.

Through the community center, if it be in a district populated largely of one foreign nationality, these people could present pageants of the life in their mother countries, translating them into English, so that Americans and also the younger English speaking members of their household could understand and appreciate their traditions. Americans would be greatly enriched thus through the drama of all of the nations whose peoples have settled in this country. On the other hand American ideals, American history and American festivals, even laws such as child labor and minimum wage, could be interpreted to these people by means of pageantry.

"People have been learning not only to work together, but to play together," Miss MacKaye says, "particularly since the war, when the people stood together in drives and large patriotic community entertainments. The opportunity to build up a great community organization is now at hand, and the time is ripe for it. Why not utilize the corner saloon?"

DEPARTMENT ADVISES ON PLUMBING AND CURTAINS

New Bureau Opens in Y. W. C. A. Overseas Office.

A new department of finance has been organized by the Y. W. C. A. for its work in France. Miss Constance Clark of Pasadena, Cal., is the executive. Miss Clark before her recent coming to France was director of the big Y. W. C. A. Hostess House at Camp Lewis, Washington.

All contracts, leases and rentals for new buildings will be handled by Miss Edith Austin of New York City, an experienced architect and builder, who will work through this newly created section.

Plans for remodeling and decorating rooms, clubs and hostess houses taken over by the Y. W. C. A. will be in the hands of Miss Mary Buchanan, an interior decorator, who comes originally from Scotland, but who has been working in France for the American Y. W. C. A. since the beginning of its war work there.

In addition, the department is compiling lists, suggestions and general shopping guides for all the buying of the Association in France, including all kinds of building equipment from cretineuse curtains to plumbing supplies.

A cafeteria expert will have a place in the department to act as general advisor on restaurant and cafeteria problems of the Association throughout France.

In short, the department is to be more than finance alone. It is to be a kind of general advisory department and clearing house for all other departments of the French association—a department where dollars will be measured up against deeds and needs.

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